Thein Dam

@@@2652. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of Thein Dam;

(b) by when the dam is planned to be completed; and

(c) what are the benefits which will be acquired from the Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): The estimated cost of Thein Dam is approximately Rs. 700 crores, based on 1983 prices.

(b) As per the Project Report, the Project is expected to be completed in years' time.

(c) The project would afford irrigation facilities to 3.48 lakh hectares of land. The anunual power generation woud be about 1500 million KWH.

Distribution panel and Cable Terminal Boxes in Calcutta

2653. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Distribution Panel and Cable Terminal Boxes in many areas of Calcutta are lying uncovered and without doors which might be one of the main causes of telephone disorder in the city; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken to rectify the defects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A few of the Cabinets/Pillars/DPs containing the Cable Terminal blocks are reported to be without doors or covers and locks due to these.

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being stolen and vandalised. But this is one of the cause of telephone disorder but the main reason is cables being damaged.

(b) Patrol and maintenance parties note the cabinets, pillars and DPs with missing doors/covers/locks and arrange replacement and repair. Police are requested to apprehend thieves and vandals and prevent theft/vandalisim.

Telephone cable laying job

2654. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private contractors handle the telephone cable laying job through unskilled mazdoors instead of through the departmental skilled workers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to stop the said system; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Cable laying whether done departmentally or through private contractors is done through unskilled mazdoors. Appropriate supervision by skilled persons and acceptance testing procedures are followed to ensure that work is done as per standards.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The procedure of cable laying whether done departmentally or through private contractors is the same. The inconvenience to the public if any due to digging of roads and footpaths can not be entirely avoided.

Laying of telephone cables

2655. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's directives to lay telephone cables below 3 feet from the road surface is not being adhered to by the authorities and cables are being laid only 6 to 7 inches